

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims in the application including the present status thereof and including any amendments made by this paper.

Listing of claims:

1(currently amended). A rear-loading, rear discharging refuse truck body comprising:

- (a) a storage receptacle for receiving and carrying refuse materials; and
- (b) a tailgate assembly connected to said storage receptacle, said tailgate assembly including a an upward pivoting tailgate ~~carrying~~, said tailgate further comprising a pivoting loading hopper for receiving refuse materials from refuse containers emptied therein and a packing system associated with said loading hopper for charging refuse materials, from said loading hopper into said storage receptacle in a compressed state, said loading hopper being pivotally movable relative to said storage receptacle and said tailgate between an extended, ~~externally~~ protruding deployed position for collection and a retracted stowed position nested within a container structure formed by said storage receptacle and said tailgate.

2(original). A truck body as in claim 1 further comprising a

full height ejection panel in said storage receptacle for sealing the front of said storage receptacle and ejecting refuse from said storage receptacle.

3(original). A truck body as in claim 1 wherein said loading hopper is mounted to rotate vertically as it moves between said deployed position and said stowed position.

4(previously presented). A truck body as in claim 1 wherein said truck body is generally in the shape of a stackable container when said loading hopper is in the stowed position.

5(previously presented). A truck body as in claim 4 wherein said loading hopper provides sealing to said truck body when it is in a stowed position.

6(previously presented). A truck body as in claim 2 wherein said loading hopper provides sealing to said truck body when it is in a stowed position.

7(previously presented). A truck body as in claim 4 further comprising lifting lugs to allow lifting of said truck body for stacking and unloading.

8(previously presented). A truck body as in claim 15 wherein said loading hopper operating system further comprises hydraulic cylinders connected to position said loading hopper.

9(currently amended). A rear-loading, rear discharging refuse vehicle comprising:

(a) a chassis;

- (b) a refuse collection truck_body including a storage receptacle for receiving and carrying refuse materials removably carried on said chassis; and
- (c) a hinged tailgate assembly connected to said storage receptacle including a hinged, upward pivoting tailgate and, said tailgate further comprising a pivoting loading hopper for receiving refuse materials from refuse containers emptied therein and a packing system associated with said loading hopper for charging loaded refuse materials into said storage receptacle in said truck body in a compressed state, said loading hopper being pivotally movable relative to said storage receptacle and said tailgate between a protruding deployed position for collection and a retracted stowed position nesting within a container structure formed by said storage receptacle and said tailgate.

10(original). A refuse vehicle as in claim 9 further comprising a full height ejection panel in said truck body for sealing said storage receptacle and ejecting refuse from said storage receptacle.

11(original). A refuse vehicle as in claim 9 wherein said loading hopper is mounted to rotate vertically as it moves between said deployed position and a stowed position.

12(previously presented). A refuse vehicle as in claim 17

further comprising hydraulic cylinders connected to operate and position said loading hopper.

13(previously presented). A refuse vehicle as in claim 11 wherein said truck body is generally in the shape of a stackable container when said loading hopper is in the stowed position.

14(previously presented). A refuse vehicle as in claim 13 wherein said loading hopper provides sealing to said truck body when it is in a stowed position.

15(previously presented). A truck body as in claim 1 further comprising a loading hopper operating system for operating said loading hopper between said deployed position and said stowed position.

16(previously presented). A truck body as in claim 3 further comprising a loading hopper operating system for operating said loading hopper between said deployed position and said stowed position.

17(previously presented). A truck body as in claim 9 further comprising a loading hopper operating system for operating said loading hopper between said deployed position and said stowed position.

18(previously presented). A truck body as in claim 11 further comprising a loading hopper operating system for operating said loading hopper between said deployed position and said stowed position.

19(previously presented). A truck body as in claim 18 wherein said loading hopper operating system further comprises hydraulic cylinders connected to operate and position said loading hopper.